

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
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Tao L. LOWE, et al.	:	Confirmation Number: 3378
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Application No.: 10/807,510	:	Group Art Unit: 1618
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Filed: March 24, 2004	:	Examiner: Blessing FUBARA
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For: THERMORESPONSIVE AND BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS AND USES THEREOF	:	

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop Restriction  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following is a response to the restriction requirement mailed on 11 January 2008 in connection with the above-referenced application.

In the election/restriction requirement pursuant to 35 USC 121, the Examiner required Applicant to elect one of three groups of claims including:

Group I – claims 1-9 and 16-24;

Group II – claims 10-12; or

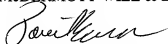
Group III – claims 13-15.

The Examiner further required Applicant to elect either a hydrogel or dendrimer species if Group I was elected. Applicant hereby elects Group I (claims 1-9 and 16-24) for prosecution in this application and further elects a hydrogel specie. Applicant respectfully submits that all claims read on the elected hydrogel specie.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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